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Letter dated 15 September 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the information on humanitarian aid of the Government of Turkmenistan to Pakistan and Afghanistan (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you could kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, under item 70 (a) of the provisional agenda.

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Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 15 September 2010 from the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Humanitarian assistance from the Government of Turkmenistan to Pakistan and Afghanistan

Guided by the traditions of humanism and charity which have long been the foundation of our national spirit, the President of Turkmenistan, Mr. Gurbanguly Berdymukhammedov, took the decision to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to the people of Pakistan on behalf of the Turkmen people. Around 40 tons of cargo have been sent to Pakistan, including baby food, condensed milk, drinking water, medical supplies and other necessary first-aid equipment.

The President of Turkmenistan decided to send humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, in the amount of 1,000 tons of flour, in accordance with the decision taken earlier to provide humanitarian assistance to this neighbouring country.

On 28 August 2010, a special aircraft in the fleet of the Turkmenhowayollary State National Service (Turkmenistan Airlines) supplied a cargo of humanitarian assistance to Pakistan.

During receipt of the cargo, representatives of organizations coordinating the delivery of assistance to affected areas noted that the humanitarian action of friendly Turkmenistan had evoked a wide response among the public and diplomatic circles in Pakistan, where more than 20 million people have suffered as a result of floods, the worst natural disaster in the last 80 years, caused by powerful monsoon rains.

The officials receiving the humanitarian cargo from Ashgabat expressed their sincere gratitude to the President of Turkmenistan and the Turkmen people for this act of good will, symbolizing the immutable values of long-standing, friendly and brotherly Turkmen-Pakistani relations, which have advanced to a qualitatively new level in the modern era.

On 28 August 2010, a convoy of 103 heavy-duty trucks was dispatched to Afghanistan, carrying a cargo of humanitarian assistance in the amount of 1,000 tons of flour.

Following its arrival in Afghanistan, this humanitarian assistance was distributed in accordance with the needs of the Afghan people. Overall, humanitarian assistance from Turkmenistan was distributed to nine Afghan provinces.